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1. THE SECRETARY ON JULY 29 APPROVED A POLIC; OF SUPPORT
FOR WALDHEIM'S PROPOSAL FOR NICOSIA TALKS IN AUGUST
WHILE AT THE SAME TIME INDICATING OUR HOPE THAT THESE WOULD
LEAD TO A VIENNA ROUND IN SEPTEMBER. WE ARE PRESENTLY
AWAITING RESPONSES TO OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE BRITISH, AND
THE DUTCH (AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EC-9) AS TO THE TACTICS
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OF OUR APPROACH, AND EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO

WALDHEIM'S REQUEST FOR U.S. VIEWS AS SOON AS WE HAVE THESE RESPONSES.

2. EUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN SAW BRITISH CHARGE MORETON JULY 26, DISCUSSED IDEA OF JOINT DEMARCHES AND WHETHER OR NOT TO ACCEPT WALDHEIM'S PROPOSAL. MORETON AGREED IT WOULD PROBABLY BE INADVISABLE TO PRESS WALDHEIM TO CALL FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF HIGH-LEVEL INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN AUGUST IF NO PROGRESS SEEMED LIKELY, BUT THAT THE IMPORTANT THING WAS TO KEEP SOME MOMENTUM IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. HE PROMISED TO GIVE US U.K. VIEWS, WITHIN A WEEK, AS TO WHETHER DEMARCHES SHOULD BE "UNITED" OR SIMPLY COORDINATED.

3. HARTMAN ALSO SAW DUTCH CHARGE TYDEMANS JULY 28, GAVE HIM SUBSTANCE OF WALDHEIM-BENNETT JULY 21 TALK AND OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH MORETON. TYDEMANS INDICATED THAT SOME EC-9 MEMBERS SEEMED INCLINED TO PUSH WALDHEIM. HE AGREED WITH OUR FEELING THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP SOME KIND OF DIALOGUE GOING. HE SAID HE HAD HEARD THAT ATHENS HAS "WASHED ITS HANDS" OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM; MAIN EFFORT, HE FELT, SHOULD BE TO WORK ON ANKARA TO PUSH TURK CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH TO A MORE REASONABLE POSITION. TYDEMANS ALSO AGREED TO INVESTIGATE EC-9 POSITION AND WHETHER TO MAKE CONCERTED OR INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS, AND TO REPORT BACK.

4. OTHER ELEMENT STILL MISSING IS DENKTASH POSITION. FROM WALDHEIM'S CONVERSATION WITH BENNETT, WE UNDERSTAND DENKTASH WAS AT FIRST NEGATIVE, BUT THEN PROMISED TO CONSIDER MATTER AND RESPOND TO DE CUELLAR BY JULY 28. WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN REPORTS INDICATING DENKTASH RESPONSE. KISSINGER

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